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Rockford Park District's Lockwood Park Holds "Animal Mania" Event: Saturday, May 16

ROCKFORD, IL – Rockford Park District invites everyone to Lockwood Park for "Animal Mania" on **Saturday, May 16 from noon until 5:00 p.m.** (weather permitting). This free spring event offers an afternoon of fun in the country for the whole family. Activities will take place in several areas within the park, including the Trailside Centre, Cookhouse, main arena, and Children's Farm. Picnic areas and the playground will be available.

Activities will include wagon and pony rides, a horse extravaganza, Pioneer Day activities, and games and crafts. Children can learn about the park's animals in the Children's Farm area, and visit the Cookhouse to observe chicken hatching, sponsored by the Winnebago County Farm Bureau.

"Our Animal Mania event is a wonderful low-cost event for the entire family to enjoy. If someone has not had the opportunity to experience our Lockwood Park Trailside Equestrian Centre and Children's Farm, we hope they will consider coming out for this event." said Lockwood Park Manager Debbie Ackerman.

Admission to the event is free; fees will be charged for some activities, and refreshments will be available for purchase from the Friends of Lockwood Park. Horse trailer parking and trail rides will be closed for the day of the event. Lockwood Park is located at 5201 Safford Rd., Rockford. Event flyers with the schedule of activities will be available at Park District facilities and Customer Service; programs and events are subject to change.

The mission of Lockwood Park is to help people enjoy life through their connection to animals. The park programs provide a variety of experiences and learning opportunities to promote healthy, positive interactions between people and animals. Lockwood Park offers 94 miles of scenic trails for hiking, biking or horseback riding.

For more information on Lockwood Park and equestrian programs, call 815-987-8809, or visit www.rockfordparkdistrict.org/lockwood.

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